

# **Study Guide**

## **Building Blocks of the Church**

### **Chapter 13 – Deacons**

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. What does the term “deacon” mean?
2. Are deacons the second level of the church hierarchy with elders next up? Why or why not.
3. Were “the Seven” of Acts 6 deacons?
4. What are the qualifications of a deacon?
5. What were the functions / responsibilities of deacons in the NT?
6. What would the tasks of deacons be in your church?
7. If the church has deacons does that mean that they are everyone's slaves and no-one else has to help with the work or could it be that the deacons are the organizers and coordinators of the work? If so, does that mean that deacons are leaders rather than gofers? Or gofer leaders?

8. Is there room in the NT for women deacons? Give reasons. If the answer is yes, then how do you reconcile that with 1Timothy 2:12?
  
9. Discuss the difference between the following statements: “elders are appointed (ordained)” and “deacons are nominated by the congregation but appointed (ordained) by the elders”.

## **Additional resources**

MP3s

1. Deacons (<http://www.antonbosch.com/tapes2006.html>)